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My Lords and Gentlemen,

THe laſt time that I was in this place, and the laſt thing that I recommended unto you, was the buſineſſe of *Ireland*, whereby I was in good hope that I ſhould not have need again to have

put you in minde of that buſineſſe; But ſtill ſeeing the ſlow proceedings therein, and the daily Diſpatches that I have out of *Ireland*, of the lamentable eſtate of my Proteſtant Subjects there, I cannot but again earneſtly recommend the diſpatch of that Expedition unto you, for it is the chief Buſineſſe that at this time I take to heart, and there cannot (almoſt) be any buſineſſe that I can have more care of. I might now take up ſome of your time in expreſsing my deteſtation of Rebellions in generall, and of this in particular; But knowing that Deeds and not Declarations muſt ſuppreſſe this great Inſolencie, I do here in a word offer you, whatſoever my power, paines, or induſtry

ſtry can contribute to this good and neceſſary work of reducing the Iriſh Nation to their true and wonted obedience.

And that nothing may be omitted on my part, I muſt here take notice of the Bill for preſsing of Souldiers, now depending among you my Lords, concerning which I here declare, That in caſe it come ſo to Me, as it may not infringe or diminiſh my Prerogative, I will paſſe it: And further ſeeing there is a diſpute raiſed (I being little beholding to him whoſoever at this time began it) concerning the bounds of this ancient and undoubted Prerogative, to avoide further debate at this time, I offer, that the Bill may paſſe with a *Salvo*

jure, both for King and People, leaving ſuch debates to a time that may better bear it. If this be not accepted, the fault is not mine that this Bill paſſe not; but thoſe that refuſe ſo fair an offer.

To conclude, I conjure you by all that is, or can be dear to you or me, that, laying away all diſputes, you go on cheerfully and ſpeedily for the reducing of *Ireland*.

FINIS.